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**To:** GAETestimony  
**Subject:** Oppose SB-1051

Chairman Cassano and Members of the GAE Committee,

I am writing in opposition to SB-1051 regarding the elimination two Registrars of Voters in each Town.

I have been the Democratic Registrar or Deputy Registrar in Manchester for over 18 years. Along with my Republican counterpart, deputies and assistants, we run a professional and efficient office, serving the electors of Manchester. We both strive to run fair and accurate elections, with service to the voters our number one priority.

I have concerns about the proposal for a single registrar who, under SB-1051, would be appointed by the local governing authority. This will have a major impact the current system of checks and balances that we have in place under the two-party elected registrar system. Under the current system there is "two sets of eyes" on every step of the election process."

The current system of two registrars has worked well for over 100 years. Changing this system because of failure of an individual is not the answer.

In my opinion, SB-6950, which proposes additional professional development and other election reforms is a better answer.

I urge you to reject bill SB-1051.

Regards,

Jim Stevenson

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